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T is very obvious, that Psalmody hath undergone a considerable revolution, in most of our religious assemblies, within the course of a few years, not only with respect to the method and order of finging, but even the tunes formerly in common use, are now generally laid aside, instead of which, those of a more lively and airy turn are substituted. And, altho' many improvements have been made in Church Music, yet there appears a danger of erring, by introducing, in public worship, light and trisling airs, more becoming the theatre or shepherd's pipe; a liberty (as we apprehend) by no means admissible in the solemnities of Divine Service.

Wherefore, that the schools and congregations might be furnished with a collection of tunes, particularly calculated for the purpose of worship, that should be neither too dull on the one side, nor too licentious on the other; we have published the following, under the title of The Chorister's Companion, and cannot but flatter ourselves with the hopes of its meeting with the approbation and encouragement of the Public: having taken the utmost care and pains in the examination of tunes, selecting such only as are generally approved of, and which in other respects coincided with our original design; paying particular attention, among other things, to a variety in the airs, judging it a matter of some consideration, to have the air of a tune agree with the subject of the Psalm or Hymn,

Terrisha & Herrick

This Collection contains a number of tunes, never before published, (composed by several) Gentlemen in the country) which appear to be done with so much skill and ingenuity, that we think they cannot fail of obtaining the applause of all lovers of Psalmody.

As our principal aim was to serve the interest of social Worship, we were under the necessity of filling our Book, in a great measure, with Psalm-tunes and Hymns, for which reason, we could

include but few Anthems; and therefore hope this deficiency will be excused.

We have spared no pains nor cost, to render The Chorister's Companion profitable and delightful, and sincerely wish it may prove so to those who make use of it.

New-Haven,
December 16, 1782.

THE EDITORS.



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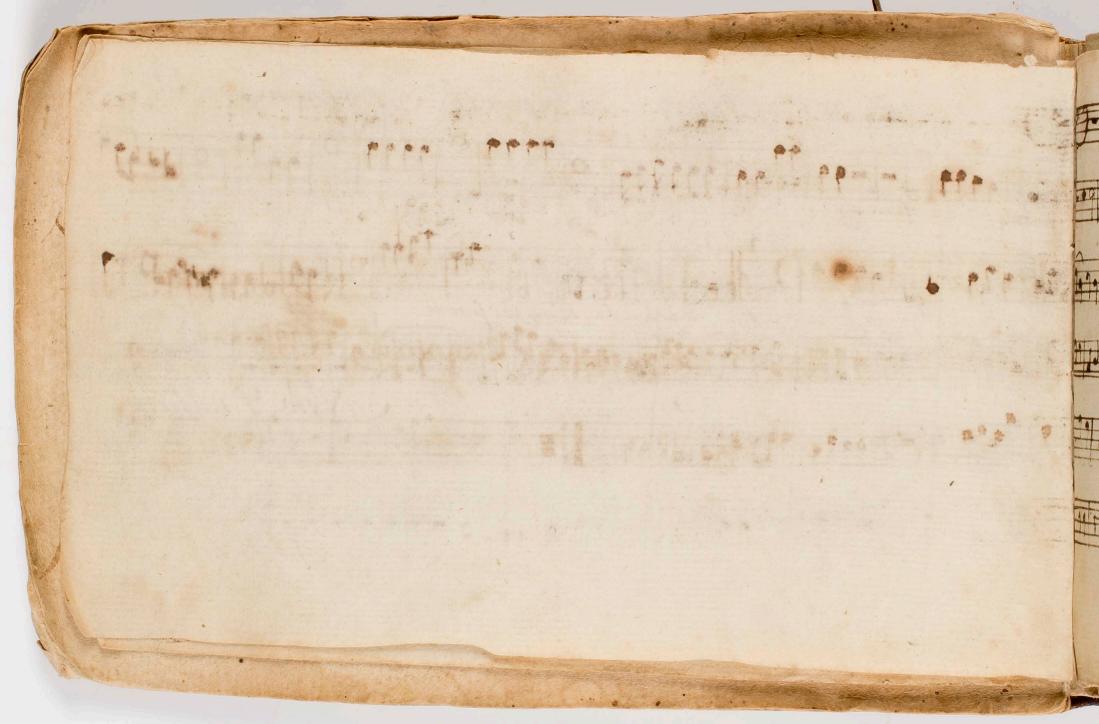
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